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Societies Occupying Mercury Hall.
NEWPORT CONGRESS No. 31, Order United American Mechanics, John S. Carr, Councilor, James E. Matthews, Recording Secretary, meets every Monday evening.
NEWPORT LODGE No. 42, I. O. O. F., Herbert Hall, Noble Grand, Perry H. Dawley, Secretary, meets every Tuesday evening.
NEWPORT LODGE No. 63, N. E. O. P., Henry M. Young, Warden, James H. Goddard, Secretary, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in each month.
NEWPORT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Dr. Frederick Bradley, President; Alexander McMillan, Secretary; meets 2d and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month.
NEWPORT LODGE No. 33, K. of H., Dictator, Edwin Nelson, Reporter, O. H. Chase, meets 2d and 4th Thursday evenings.
NEWPORT LODGE No. 11, K. of P., Thomas Lucas, Chancellor; Commander, Daniel T. Bull, Keeper of Records and Seal; meets every Friday evening.
DAVIS DIVISION No. 8, U. R. K. of P., E. Knight Captain, A. B. Davis, Charles H. Koonin, Jr., Reporter; meets last Friday evening in each month.

Local Matters.

Natural History Society.

A well-attended lecture was given on Wednesday evening last in the Museum on Touro street by Mr. Amory Austin, on "A Summer's Fishing in Maine." He described not only the angling to be had on the lakes adjoining Moosehead, Bangor and Winthrop in the State of Maine, but also the scenery and many interesting points of Natural History connected with the various localities. The habits of the great lake trout, the speckled trout, the white perch and the black bass, and their modes of capture were all dwelt on in detail. The address occupied more than an hour and a half and gave ample subjects for thought to the audience, extending, as it did, over a wide range of items, including the game laws as regards fishing, atmospheric disturbances, Indian legends and other associated topics. Mr. Wm. H. Hammett, and Mr. Bliss spoke briefly on the papers. It was an excellent series of sketches from an Angler's summer note book, and was illustrated by diagrams, photographs and some specimens of the fishes themselves as well as excellent pictures of them. Dr. Storer presided.

The Artillery's Fair.

The fair to be given at Masonic Hall next week under the auspices of the Newport Artillery Company promises to be one of the most unique and enjoyable affairs ever given. In addition to the usual attractions found at a bazaar there will be many new and novel features which cannot fail to please the public and bring shovels galore to the Uniform Fund of the Company. The Southern Dances will give a performance each night; there will be vocal music and readings by artists of repute; an exceedingly pretty and intricate drill will be given by sixteen young ladies, besides many other methods of entertainment too numerous to mention. The advertisement will be found in another column of this paper.

Langley Wharf Case.

In the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court at Providence, a decree was entered Tuesday ordering the sale of the Langley wharf estate in this city, concerning which there has been considerable litigation. John C. Pegram is appointed a Commissioner to make the partition and to sell the real estate at auction in several parcels, which are described in the decree.

The Rhode Island Society.

Sons of the Revolution, will observe Washington's Birthday by a banquet at Masonic Hall, tendered by the President, Mr. W. W. Sherman, to the society and invited guests. The hall will be decorated by Landais for the occasion and Muecohniger will cater.

Design Selected.

The Gunboat Newport Testimonial Committee met Tuesday evening, when designs for the silver service to be given that craft were submitted from the Gorham Company and the Howard Sterling Company, both of Providence; a representative of each firm being present to explain the drawings submitted by his company. After a thorough exposition of what the plans contemplated they withdrew, leaving the drawings in the hands of the committee. After a full discussion of both sets, the committee voted to accept the Gorham design, and appointed a committee, consisting of Rear Admiral Luce, State Auditor Landers and Postmaster Young, to arrange the terms upon which the service can be purchased.

There are six pieces in the set, a centrepiece, a pitcher and four tureens. Of these the largest and most elaborate is the centrepiece, composed of a jardiniere or flower bowl, resting in a shell supported on a base, from which two branches twine in flowing curves to the right and left, supporting smaller bowls designed for fruit. Extending around these branches and serving as supports are dolphins, their heads resting against the base or plinth. The bowl has a graceful, wide and sweeping curve, the top undulating and curling like the top of a wave breaking on the shore. On the sides of the bowl are etchings representing scenes in the history of Newport, or some of Newport—on one the Old Stone Mill, on the other the Battle of Lake Erie, in which Perry swept the British from the Great Lakes. At the ends are the seals of the city and the Navy Department. The double shell in which the jardiniere rests, is in turn supported by a massive base, from which the branches holding the smaller bowls curve. The plinth is oval in shape, and on each side a dolphin form the decorations of the sides. The centrepiece is 12 inches high, with a length of 23 inches. The tureens adhere to the same general treatment of bowl, resting in a scalloped shell, with dolphins at the base, and a broad and wide plinth with curling edges. The handles are formed of dolphins with spreading tails, and the handle of the cover is also composed of two dolphins holding between them a shell. On the sides of the cover are the seals, and on the sides of the tureens, etchings of Newport scenes. The pitcher is of tall and graceful shape, having the same curve noted in the other pieces, and the same general decorative treatment. The seals are present, and the front of the pitcher shows a scene connected with Newport. The handle is formed by a dolphin, and the pitcher is one of the most beautiful articles in the set.

Grand Assembly Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Grand Assembly of Rhode Island, Royal Society of Good Fellows, was held with Burial Lodge Assembly, in this city on Wednesday and was well attended, nine assemblies being represented. The morning session was devoted to the reception of reports and other routine business, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Grand Master—Charles F. Fisher of Saylesville.
Grand Instructor—James T. Smith of Central Falls.
Grand Counselor—Charles C. Henry of Providence.
Grand Past Master—Sherman B. Moulton of Providence.
Grand Secretary—Jesse W. Coleman of Providence.
Grand Treasurer—A. H. Whitaker of Providence.
Grand Prelate—Adam Oldfield of Saylesville.
Grand Director—John H. Pilling of Central Falls.
Grand Guard—Russell G. Arnold of Providence.
Grand Sentry—William A. Ward of Newport.
Grand Trustee for three years—William F. Deunman of Newport.

After the election of officers a recess was taken and dinner was served by Caterer Allen. In the afternoon the grand officers-elect were installed by Supreme Ruler Spooner and the business of the session concluded. The next annual session will be held in Providence.

Company B's Ball.

The members of Company B and their friends spent a very enjoyable evening at the State Armory Wednesday, the occasion being the Company's annual ball. The hall had been tastefully decorated with flags, bunting and electric lights and when filled with the ladies in handsome gowns and the soldier boys in uniform, presented a pretty scene. Music was furnished by the Naval Station orchestra, Mr. P. J. Sullivan prompting. The grand march was led by Private F. A. Ross and Miss Carrie M. Griffith and was participated in by nearly a hundred couples. The ball was one of the most successful and enjoyable affairs ever given in the armory.

The members of Engine Company

No. 4 held one of their enjoyable fortnightly snowdrift Monday evening, while the No. 5's had a similar spread Tuesday evening.

Rev. E. H. Porter has been confined to the house by illness this week.

FEBRUARY WEDDINGS.

McDougall-Melville.
A very pretty wedding was celebrated Wednesday noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Melville on Church street, when their daughter, Miss Clara, Nye Melville, became the wife of Mr. Frank McDougall. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. J. Magill of Trinity Church, of which parish the bride is one of the most active members. The house had been very tastefully decorated with flowers and there were present a number of friends of the young people. The bride wore a traveling suit of plum color and carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss Rita B. Melville, as bridesmaid, who wore light blue and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Stephen L. Goddard, while the duties of best man were performed by Mr. Patrick Rafferty. A large number of handsome and valuable presents were received by the young people, who left on the 1:20 trip of the General, for a trip to New York and Washington.

Crowley-Leyden.
Mr. Timothy P. Crowley, Jr., and Miss Anna Aloysius Leyden were married at St. Mary's Church by Rev. Father Cronan Wednesday morning. The bride, who was attended by her sister, Miss Ellen Leyden, as bridesmaid, and her brother, Mr. Thomas Leyden, as best man. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the future home of the happy couple on Thames street and later a reception was held, when a large number of friends called to pay their respects.

Fish-Clarke.
On Wednesday evening a very quiet wedding was celebrated at the Trinity Church rectory, the high contracting parties being Miss Eva Bell, daughter of Mr. Marcus Clarke, and Mr. Ernest DeForest Fish. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. J. Magill.

Owen-Marden.
Mr. Thomas G. Owen and Miss Nellie M. Marden were married at the home of the bride's parents on Spring street Thursday evening, Rev. J. N. MacDonaid of the Thames street Methodist Church officiating. After a brief reception Mr. and Mrs. Owen left for a wedding trip.

Lincoln's Birthday.

Yesterday was Lincoln's birthday and it was observed in this city by special exercises in both public and parochial schools. In the evening Geo. G. K. Warren Post and the Associates of that Post held a meeting in their hall when a most interesting and appropriate program was rendered.

In the schools, special programmes had been prepared and the pupils entered with enthusiasm into the rendition of the several numbers.

At the Rogers High School essays were read by Miss Hattie Norman and Miss Bessie Champlin and by Mr. Charles E. Harvey Jr., on Lincoln's life, assassination and funeral. At the Clark street building there was a very well executed flag drill by ten young misses, violin selections and patriotic songs, readings and recitations. At the Lenthal building, beside the patriotic songs, readings and recitations, there were piano and violin duets, banjo selections by the pupils in addition to which Miss Mary G. Curley, Miss Sadie Bailey and Mr. H. W. Rankin sang, accompanied by Mr. W. R. Boone. At the Townsend Industrial School there were readings pertaining to the life and death of Lincoln. Tableaux and a flag drill were a special feature of the exercises at the Willow street building. At the Hazard Memorial School the special features were violin and piano music. At all the schools there were patriotic songs and readings, the salute to the flag and addresses by members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the evening the exercises at Geo. G. K. Warren Post Hall included an address of welcome by Post Commander W. O. Milne, address by Mr. Henry W. Clark, president of the Associates; Junior Vice Commander Joseph P. Cotton, Hon. J. W. Horton, Rev. Brower G. Boatman, Dr. A. P. Squire, bridge of the post; Rev. James M. McDonald, Rev. James M. Craig and others. The addresses were interspersed with songs, including a solo, "Sword of Bunker Hill," by Mr. George A. Pritchard, a hymn, "A Welcome," written by Mr. Henry W. Clarke and dedicated to the Boys of the Blue, to the tune "America" by the audience. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable hour was spent.

Brown University has won its case against the city of Providence, and City Treasurer Grainger must now return to that institution the taxes paid to the city under protest for 1895. The court holds that it is the manifest intention of this charter granted the College that all its property should be exempted from taxation.

The new Fifth Ward schoolhouse has been completed and will probably be turned over to the school committee within a few days.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Arrangements for Opening the New Carey School Completed—Teachers Appointed and Junior Elected.
The regular monthly meeting of the public school committee was held Monday evening. Dr. Barker occupied the chair and there were only two absentees.

Superintendent Baker reported the school attendance for the quarter ending January 29 as follows: Year register, 2,812; term register, 2,715; average number belonging, 2,497; average number attending, 2,263; per cent of attendance, 92.7. Number enrolled in Rogers High School, 246; number enrolled in Townsend Industrial School, 850; number enrolled in evening drawing classes, 35; number enrolled in evening book-keeping classes, 17. Evening elementary school enrollment—Men, 135; women, 65; total, 200. Average belonging—Men, 90; women, 41; total, 131. Average attending—Men, 45; women, 27; total, 72. Per cent of attendance, 71.0.

The Kindergarten and the five lower grades in the Goddington school have a large enrollment and full attendance as a rule. The Kindergarten has 70 pupils; the Third Primary, 60; the Second Primary, 62; the First Primary, 63; the Second Intermediate, 65; the First Intermediate, 62. Besides these, the Second Grammar school enrolls 108. How, asks Mr. Barker, can relief be afforded these schools, for no teacher can instruct properly more than thirty pupils?

Mr. Arthur A. Carey has given the Henry R. A. Carey school a large photograph of a Cathedral in Europe—one of the pictures that he had on exhibition in Alston Hall, Boston, during December of last year. While abroad, Mr. Carey selected a large number of photographs, which he has had enlarged by the solar process and framed for the purpose of decorating school rooms and hospital wards. It is encouraging to observe the awakening of interest in the matter of art for the school room.

Treasurer Topham reported 70 cases investigated from Jan. 11 to Feb. 7 inclusive, of which 10 were for truancy and 60 on account of illness, etc.

The report of the committee on Teachers was read and received and, upon its recommendation, it was voted to make Miss Kierman, at present a teacher in the Lenthal school, principal of the new Carey school building at a salary of \$800, who to teach in the second intermediate grade, and Miss Mary Brownell was appointed to fill Miss Kierman's place in the Lenthal at the rate of \$400; and to appoint Miss Elizabeth Nass teacher of the first primary grade in the new building.

William Gash was selected janitor of the new building at a salary of \$550, and it was voted to provide the Kindergarten in the new building with a piano.

Upon motion of Mr. Perry the superintendent was authorized to expend not exceeding \$100 for a series of lectures on geography.

The following resolution was adopted and Chairman Barker was directed to submit the matter to the City Council:
Resolved, That the City Council be and it is hereby requested to submit to the taxpayers of Newport at the April election a proposition to raise and expend the sum of \$12,000 (twelve thousand dollars) for the purchase of a site and the erection and equipment thereof of an eight-room schoolhouse of brick or stone, to be located on or near Van Zandt avenue, between Hall avenue and Main road. The chairman appointed Col. Sheffield, the first named upon that committee, declining the position. Col. Sheffield, Jr., may be said to be the father of manual training in our public schools and Mr. Gilpin felt it to be for the interest of the Townsend school to have him as the head of the committee.

The official speed trial of torpedo boat No. 6 was held Wednesday over the course in the Bay, and lasted for two hours, during which time the vessel did some remarkable work. The course was from Warwick Neck to a mark off Bonnet Point, a distance of about twelve miles, and the conditions of wind and sea were excellent. Although the official requirements call for but 27.5 knots per hour, the vessel made 28.7, and to one of her blowers. The accident to one of her blowers. The fact was in every way more than satisfactory and she will probably be accepted and placed in commission at once.

At the regular session of Burial Lodge Assembly, R. S. G. F., held Wednesday evening, Past Ruler Wm. P. Deunman was presented with a jewel of his rank. The presentation was made by Mr. W. A. Ward, in behalf of the assembly.

Mr. George I. Spencer has obtained for Mrs. Cynthia R. Denham of this city a pension as army nurse, including back pay from March, 1895, the first payment on which was received this week.

A New England supper, followed by an illustrated lecture on "Movements of the Heavenly Planets" by Rev. J. M. Craig, was given at the First Presbyterian Church Wednesday evening.

Dutty Club.

Last Tuesday the Anonymous Essay evening came off at the Dutty Club place of assemblage in the Channing Parlors. There was an overflowing audience. The subject selected was "Dreams," and there were ten contributions sent in. Two were in verse and eight in prose, and all were read aloud, the readers being Colonel Leslie, Captain Cotton, Dr. Bradley and Mr. A. O. D. Taylor. The following is a list of the essays and the fictitious names of the unknown writers:

- 1—Introductory to Dreams, by "Non quodam quoniam."
- 2—Is it a Dream? by a "Would-be Reformer."
- 3—A Dream, by "Joseph."
- 4—Eisenstein's Dream, a poem, by "A Welsh Rabbit."
- 5—On Dreams, by "Little Comrade."
- 6—Put-pourri of Dreams, by "Lumen."
- 7—A Dreamer's Experience, by "Soportifex."
- 8—Dreams of Unity, a poem, by "Toughstone."
- 9—Dreaming and Scheming, by "Illusionary John."
- 10—Letter to the Chairman, by "Laudis Torquatus Superbus Peckham."

Some of the essays were very good, but rather heavy and erred on the side of being too long. Taken as a whole the literary quality was not up to the high standard of excellence which had been previously attained on similar occasions, when really some most brilliant Anonymous Essays appeared.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

DeBosis & Eldridge have rented for the estate of the late William H. Osgood the stone villa on the corner of Bellevue and Narragansett avenues to Mr. Stuyvesant Nass of New York for the season of 1897.

Elizabeth B. Perckham has sold to William G. Perckham her unimproved ninth part of the estate of late Mary H. Perckham, on Bliss road and Almy street.

H. L. Dyer, executor of the will of Fanny Lucas, has sold to Patrick J. O'Donnell and Rosa, his wife, for \$3,000, the dwelling house and lot of land containing about 10,000 square feet, situated on the corner of Thames street and Lucas avenue.

James H. Maguire has sold to Daniel Barnd an estate on West Broadway adjoining lands of Benjamin Easton and Constant Smith.

Mr. Daniel Watson has sold for Mrs. Susan C. Clark and others a building lot, containing 10,000 square feet situated on Walcott avenue, Jamestown, to Charles E. Weedon and wife of Jamestown.

Grand Army.

The 30th annual encampment of the Department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic, was held in Harris Hall, Woonsocket, on Tuesday. Commander-in-Chief Thaddeus S. Clarkson was present and was given a rousing reception. After the customary addresses and reports which consumed the greater part of the morning, the election of officers for the ensuing year was held, resulting as follows:

Commander—Livingston Scott of Woonsocket.
Senior Vice Commander—Samuel W. Allen of East Greenwich.
Junior Vice Commander—Cha. O. Hall of Providence.
Medical Director—Dr. George B. Peck of Providence.
Chaplain—Rev. Hopkins B. Cady of Providence.
Council of Administration—Henry G. Luther, Post No. 10; Patrick Egan, Post No. 1; James E. Johnson, Post No. 13; Henry J. Fitzgerald, Post No. 20; and John T. Ryan, Post No. 8.

Representatives to the National Encampment—James H. Hudson, Post No. 10; Charles F. Miles, Post No. 3; and Stephen J. West, Post No. 8.
Alternates—Joseph B. Holmes, Post No. 14; H. Harry Robinson, Post No. 10; and Erik P. Danton, Post No. 8.

The following officers were appointed to the respective offices:
A. A. O.—Philip S. Chase, Post No. 1.
A. Q. M.—George H. Cheney, Post No. 1.
Inspector—H. Harry Robinson, Post No. 10.
Judge Advocate—George N. Bliss, Post No. 29.
Chief Musterling Officer—Joseph F. Mead, Post No. 17.

The officers were installed by Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Elisha H. Rhodes.

The Riks committee on a memorial to the late Mayor Waters met Wednesday evening and organized with Arthur J. Conz as chairman, Thos. J. Smith, secretary, and Stephen S. Frod as treasurer. After considerable discussion of the matter under consideration it was voted to adopt W. Clark Noble's design for a medallion tablet.

Requests for Newport.

The will of William H. Henderson, a notice of whose death was published in last week's Mercury, was admitted to probate in the city of Providence on Monday. The entire property, with the exception of \$2,600 which is given to the Island Cemetery Company of this city, is left in trust for the use of his widow during her life. After her death, \$125,000 is to be given to the City Council of this city as a board of trustees, to establish the Henderson Home for Aged Men, \$25,000 of which will be used for the purchase or erection of a suitable building, and the balance to be used as the endowment fund.

If the City Council should not see fit to accept this trust, the will provides for a board of trustees to be appointed by the Supreme Court.

A Generous Gift.

Mr. John Nicholas Brown of this city, at present traveling in Europe, has given \$200,000 to the Providence Public Library Association, thus assuring to our sister capital the much needed new building which the association has hitherto been unable to provide. The plans for the proposed new structure had been drawn before Mr. Brown's departure last fall, and his interest in the work was well known, but that he contented himself with a generous contribution to it was not considered among the possibilities. Mr. Brown is the eldest son of the late John Carter Brown, for many years a prominent citizen and leading manufacturer of Providence, who gave to Brown University its library building and the land on which it stands. The contribution was made by cable on Saturday.

The building is to be located on Washington, Greene and Fountain streets, and Mr. Brown's contribution is expected to cover all expenses under the architect's plans, excepting the shoveling, plumbing and heating.

Another Snow Storm.

Another severe snow storm is being added to Newport's record for this winter, and, judging from appearances at time of going to press, one which will make all its predecessors appear trifling in comparison. It began snowing about 6 o'clock in the morning and continued in a steady fall throughout the day. At the time of going to press fully five inches had fallen and there was no evidence of any immediate let-up.

The street cars, which had managed, by desperate struggling on the part of the men and the aid of the snow plow, to make irregular trips on the main line, were gradually losing their "grip" and most of our business men had to walk to their homes after closing their stores.

Quite a strong wind was blowing during the evening, which made matters very much worse than would otherwise have been the case, and out Broadway and on the island roads the snow was drifting badly, threatening serious trouble for the milkmen in the morning.

Aquidneck Grange of Middletown will give an entertainment and social at the Town Hall next Thursday evening, when Messrs. Maynard and Coffin, the blind musicians who were heard to such good advantage before, will render a number of musical selections.

In the repairs to the State House it has caused many a remark that the old adorn over the door of the balcony is receiving a coat of gold leaf instead of paint, and that the characters on the clock face are being gilded rather than painted.—[Ex.]

Extensive improvements are being made to the Perry House. The parlors and many of the chambers are being newly carpeted and furnished and the chandeliers and gas fixtures that had become shabby have been replaced by new ones of polished brass.

The Custom House building was inspected Wednesday by an official who will report upon the soundness of Colonel Slocum's request to have the building repaired and improved.

At Port Adams Wednesday, while unloading a schooner of coal, a team and its driver went overboard, but were saved greatly, owing to the promptness of the soldiers in giving the necessary assistance.

Mr. Joseph Harmon has been attending the bicycle show in New York this week.

PORTSMOUTH.

Town Affairs.—The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council and Court of Probate was held Monday afternoon. A petition from Mrs. Hannah B. Brazil that Edward F. Dyer be appointed administrator with the will annexed on the estate of her father, William Cory, deceased, was referred to the second Monday in March with order of notice. A petition of Mrs. Jennie A. Gilmore that she be appointed administratrix on the estate of her daughter, Grace Douglas, deceased, was referred to the second Monday in March with order of notice. A petition of Mrs. Mary B. Field, heretofore presented, that she be authorized to sell either public or private real estate of the late William Field, in order to enable her as executrix of the will to pay the debts and funeral charges that are outstanding against the estate, was granted on condition that the tract or parcels of land sold at private sale shall not be for less than \$1000 for one that contains about three quarters of an acre with the buildings, and not less than \$2500 for the other, that contains about seven acres with the buildings. She was required to give a bond of \$4000, Henry Anthony being accepted as surety. Report of the Commissioner appointed to receive the claims against the estate of Herakleib Gifford, deceased, was approved and ordered recorded. An inventory of the estate of Daisy P. Gorham, a minor above the age of 14 years, residing in Kansas, and interested in the estate of Stephen W. Cook, deceased, was allowed and ordered recorded. A petition presented at the January session and referred to the January Court, of Messrs. E. Chase and Alexander G. Manchester, representing that Mrs. Elizabeth Tallman, widow of Geo. P. Tallman, had neglected to qualify for the trust of executrix of the will, and praying that she be required to do so immediately, and if she does not, that Edward F. Dyer be appointed administrator with the will annexed, on the said estate, was referred to the second Monday in March with order of notice.

The quitclaim deed presented at the January session by Daniel T. Church of Tiverton, Junction to the town a certain piece of land near the main road leading to Common Fence Point, and just beyond the railroad bridge over the highway, the consideration of which was referred to this session, was taken up. It was voted to accept it, and was ordered recorded and the Town Clerk was directed to extend to the donor the thanks of the town. The Probate Clerk was instructed to notify all executors and administrators hereafter appointed by the Probate Court to give notice of their appointment by publishing it at least once a week, for three consecutive weeks, in some newspaper published in this county, in accordance with section 82, chapter 219 of the General Statutes of the State of Rhode Island. Bills against the town were allowed and ordered paid as follows: William T. Harvey, for assistance in collecting poor, four weeks, \$16; Solomon T. Harvey, for collecting poor, four weeks, \$16; George E. Sisson, for shovelling snow out of roads in District No. 2, \$38.60; William H. Gifford, for taking school census, \$20; George E. Sisson, for shovelling snow out of roads in District No. 4, \$22.38; Pardon S. Kaul, for apprehension, detention and conviction of Robert C. Carey, for stealing gold, as per vote of the Town Council of 1896, for a reward and such service, \$100; Henry Anthony, for shovelling snow out of roads in District No. 1, \$107.30; Henry Anthony, coal for two months' services as Town Clerk, \$75; William T. Harvey, for travelling fees in taking Ad H. Barker to St. Home and School, \$8.40; Charles G. Thomas, for conducting a special session, \$4; and the present one, \$2.50.

Notwithstanding the copious rain and fog of Saturday night and Sunday, and clouds that had been shovelled through on the main road were on Monday morning seven feet high.

Mr. Joseph T. Brazil's little daughter, who while alone in a room Saturday evening when there was a fire and a clothesline filled with newly ironed clothes, lighted a piece of paper at the stove and then applied it to the clothes, burning most of them beyond repair and applying the clothesline. The burning of the house was averted by the timely presence of Mr. Brazil, whose hand was burned quite badly in putting out the fire.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Giles Lawton were held at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John T. Harvey, on Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Henry W. McCone conducting the services. The burial was in St. Mary's churchyard.

TIVERTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Amy and Miss Louise Amy are visiting relatives in New Bedford.

Miss A. E. Brown is visiting friends in Boston.

The Guild of St. Catherine's will give a chocolate party at Whitridge Hall next Tuesday evening.

The National Band of Tiverton, which has been recently organized under the leadership of W. H. Rose, Jr., gave the first of a series of concerts at the Whitridge Hall Tuesday evening. The program consisted of selections of vocal music and instrumental music. The concert was a success; the hall was filled with a large and appreciative audience, which was most gratifying, as the proceeds will be used for the purchase of low music for public concerts on the beach and during the summer months. At the close of the concert, dancing was indulged in by a large number of the company present. A special parade concert was given by the band at 8 p. m., Tuesday.

The libraries of the Whitridge Hall Free Library are in the following order of the circulation of books during the past month: Biography, 5; history, 1; travel and geography, 12; science and art, 1; poetry and drama, 8; literature and language, 1; miscellaneous, 23; fiction, 108. Total, 168. Number of visitors to library and reading room, 71.

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"GOLDEN HEAD"

Read something of the other side—enough to hypothetize of the workings of fact and reason. resolution, as a statement of physical life, not from scientific investigation, not the training to complete the substance of the human body, who have such a ranky Outlook.

Attendance was required by the law, and he received 13 hours too late.

The Tell-tale.

"Yes, my dear, I'm a gay lark! said a masked man to a masked masquerade party the other evening. He felt queer when she said to him a low voice:

"Don't be a silly, John. I know by that waltz on your thumb."

It was his wife.—*London Fun.*

Indignant.

Boss—You are a weather prophet, I believe?

Potts—Sir, I allow no man to contradict a falsifier.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

There was a sweet, womanly, grateful note awaiting the colonel when, after an absence of a fortnight, he returned to Frayne, but the Farrars were gone. The doctor had said they could not too soon move Ellis, once she could be moved at all, to southern California, and, with a month's leave in his pocket, wither had well escorted them, Kittie going, too, as a matter of course. Jack Ormsby came west once more to meet Malcolm Leals and to tenderly conduct him, sightless and suffering, to New York, and Yeaton felt that vengeance indeed had been wrought by Thompson, that the Lord had been with the Phil-

and I sneak off to bed without sayin' em.—Cleveland Leader.

She suspected it.

"Why, Mrs. Harvum, this is unmistakably an old master," said the enthusiastic caller.

"That's just what I told John. I'll send it back to have it repaired and a new frame put on."—Detroit Free Press.

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